

United States District Court  
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

V.

AARON LEE GANT

12-MJ-75-JSM

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

On or about December 31, 2011, in Ramsey County, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant, AARON LEE GANT, after having previously been convicted of at least one crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, namely a 2006 felony conviction for Aiding and Abetting a First Degree Controlled Substances Crime in Hennepin County, MN, did thereafter knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a firearm, namely, a Springfield Armory, model XDM40, .40 caliber pistol, with serial number MG193084, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

I further state that I am a Special Agent with ATF, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No



Signature of Complainant  
Erin Doekter  
Special Agent, ATF

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

3/2/12

Date

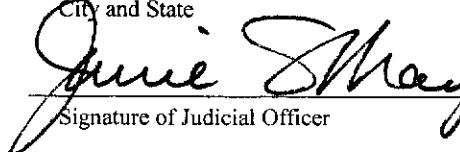
The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name &amp; Title of Judicial Officer

at

St. Paul, MN

City and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT ST. PAUL

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF ERIN DOCKTER

I, Erin Dockter, having been duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent (SA) with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") for over ten years, and am assigned to the St. Paul I Field Office in St. Paul, Minnesota. ATF Special Agents are empowered to investigate violations of firearms laws and related crimes.
2. This affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of issuing an arrest warrant for AARON LEE GANT for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g). This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge, as well as information I have learned from other law enforcement officers and the review of reports and written materials. This affidavit does not include all of the details I have learned during this investigation, it merely includes information believed to be sufficient to establish probable cause.
3. St. Paul Police Officer Mark Nelson received information that the driver of a Chevrolet Monte Carlo, described as a black male, was in possession of a gun. The Monte Carlo was described as black in color and a "Dale Earnhardt" model with Minnesota license plate 892CYG, and the car was reported to frequent the East Side of St. Paul.
4. While on solo patrol on December 31, 2011, Officer Nelson saw the described

Monte Carlo being driven by a black male on Payne Avenue in St. Paul, MN. Officer Nelson began to follow the car, and he requested additional officers as backup. As he was following the vehicle, Officer Nelson observed that the vehicle was driving faster than the speed limit of 30 mph. Before other squads arrived, the Monte Carlo turned into a driveway located at 910 North Arkwright Street, St. Paul, Ramsey County. Officer Nelson activated the emergency lights and siren on his marked squad as he pulled in behind the Monte Carlo.

5. Officer Nelson saw the driver's door open, and he saw a black male begin to exit the vehicle. Officer Nelson ordered the driver to get back in the car and to shut off the engine. The driver did not comply with Officer Nelson's commands. The driver began to flee and Officer Nelson ordered him to stop and to show his hands. Officer Nelson saw a black handgun in the driver's hand. Officer Nelson continued to pursue the driver on foot along with other officers who had arrived on scene at that time.

6. Officers set up a perimeter and began searching for the suspect. Officers found a black male hiding in an exterior basement stairwell at 899 North Clark Street, St. Paul, MN, which is within one residential block of 910 North Arkwright Street. The man was arrested and identified as Aaron Lee Gant. Officer Nelson identified Gant as the driver of the Monte Carlo who fled with a handgun. Officer Nelson recovered a handgun behind a shed located at 910 Arkwright Street, along Gant's route of flight.

8. Gant was given his Miranda rights and agreed to speak with police after

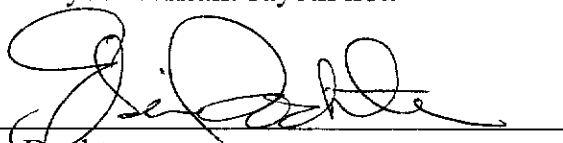
confirming he understood his rights. Gant admitted that he is on parole. Gant admitted he was the driver of the Monte Carlo and that he was in possession of the handgun. He further admitted that he knew he was not supposed to have a gun in his possession as a result of this criminal history. Gant said he dropped the gun at some point after fleeing from Officer Nelson.

9. Based on my criminal history search, Gant has four prior felony drug convictions which make him ineligible to possess a firearm, including a 2006 felony conviction for aiding and abetting a first degree controlled substances crime in Hennepin County, MN.

10. The handgun recovered from behind the shed located at 910 Arkwright Street was identified as a Springfield Armory, model XDM40, .40 caliber pistol, with serial number MG193084. Based on a physical examination of the handgun, research material, public information and industry related reference material, I concluded that the handgun was manufactured in Croatia, and therefore it traveled in interstate and foreign commerce after its manufacture. I also concluded that the handgun is a firearm as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 921(a)(3).

11. Based on the foregoing, I believe there is probable cause that on or about December 31, 2011, Aaron Lee Gant violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g) by being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Further your Affiant sayeth not.

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Erin Dockter  
Special Agent

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me  
this 2nd day of March, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janie S. Mayron', written over a horizontal line.

The Honorable Janie S. Mayron  
Magistrate Judge, District Court